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Quote of the Week

"The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air."

—Wilbur Wright

38 Laughlin NCOs selected for promotion

Compiled from staff reports

A total of 38 Laughlin people received word Thursday that they are among the 19,082 Air Force selectees for promotion to the ranks of technical and master sergeant.

The Air Force selected 7,031 of 18,038 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant and 12,051 of 36,095 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant.

This represents an overall 38.98 percent selection rate for the 01E7 cycle and 33.39 percent selection rate for the 01E6 cycle. The master sergeant selection percentage stayed virtually tied with last year's percentage of 39.10, while this

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Photo by Airman 1st Class William Burch

Have a safe flight

Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, the Air Force chief of safety, prepares to take off Thursday in a Laughlin T-38. Maj. Gen. Peppe, a former 47th Flying Training Wing commander, also flew a T-37 sortie Thursday, followed by a T-1 sortie Friday. As the Air Force's top safety official, he is responsible for all aspects of safety, to include flying safety. These recent sorties gave him a firsthand look at Laughlin's flying safety procedures.

Roche sworn in as new Air Force secretary

WASHINGTON — Dr. James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force June 1 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

David O. Cooke, director of administration and management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, administered the oath of office. Roche was nominated by the president on May 7 and confirmed by the Senate on May 24.

As secretary, Roche is responsible for the functioning and efficiency of the Air Force, the formulation of the service's policies and programs and the timely implementation of decisions and

instructions of the president and the secretary of defense.

"I am honored to be confirmed as the secretary of the Air Force and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known — the United States Air Force," Roche said. "I appreciate the confidence and trust the president, the secretary of defense and the Senate have in me to lead this proud aerospace team. I consider it an esteemed privilege to have this opportunity to serve with the Air Force's outstanding men and women.

"Over the past decade, our nation

has demanded increasingly more effort and sacrifice from the Air Force team — our active-duty airmen, civil servants, guardsmen, reservists and contractors — and that team has responded brilliantly," Roche said. "The American people have the highest confidence in our military forces and are justifiably



Roche

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Commanders' Corner



By Col. Kenneth Des Rosier
47th Medical Group commander

Communication key to building trust

The year was 1949. The place was Mann Gulch, which runs between two ridges leading into the Missouri River in central Montana.

It was here that 13 U.S. Forest Service firefighters perished in one of the worst fire-fighting disasters in Forest Service history.

On Aug. 5 of that year, forest lined Mann Gulch near the river. Nearby, the terrain was covered with dry, late-summer prairie grass. Soon, flames began to spread throughout this area.

After the fire was reported, a crew of 16 Forest Service firefighters loaded onto a C-47 in Missoula, Mont., and headed to the site. Wagner Dodge, a nine-year fire-fighting veteran, led the group. They parachuted to a safe landing zone at 4:10 p.m. By 4:56 p.m. all but three had perished.

Dodge initially led his men down the gulch toward the mouth where they could seek refuge in the river if the fire turned in their direction. As they neared the mouth, which had

been cleared 20 minutes earlier from the air, a wind shift spread the fire across the mouth, closing off their escape route. The fire was now proceeding up the gulch toward them. Dodge ordered his crew to abandon all their equipment and quickly led them back up the gulch. Five minutes later, about halfway to the landing zone, Dodge realized the fire was gaining on them and would overtake them within minutes. Then, in a moment of crystal clarity, Dodge stopped, took out a book of matches,

and set fire to a clump of prairie grass. The grass began burning in a widening circle, consuming all the fuel to support a fire inside that circle. He then jumped across the small wall of flames he had started, taking refuge inside this fire-circle on smoldering but burned-out ground. He motioned for his men to follow. None of them did. Near panic and completely bewildered by Dodge's actions, two of the men ran up and

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Top Three Talk



By Master Sgt. James Moon

47th Flying Training Wing logistics plans chief

EAF, AEF: What's the difference?

Oftentimes confused with one another, Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF) and Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF) are two separate entities that every Air Force person should know something about.

The EAF is a principle that describes how the Air Force is organized to support deployment operations. The EAF is a macro-level organizational view that describes how the service's contingency or war-fighter segments are organized.

Under the EAF, the Air Force is organized into 10 AEFs; two Aerospace Expeditionary Wings; five Lead Mobility Wings; and one Enabler group. It is these four different force packages that are tasked to support mobility operations. About 144,000 Air Force people support the four force packages, with a goal of increasing that number to 200,000. At Laughlin, we support 97 personnel taskings.

AEFs, on the other hand, are a cross-section of war-fighting packages separated into 10 different buckets. The 10 AEF buckets have similar weapons systems and personnel support teams assigned to support worldwide contingency requirements. Each AEF bucket deploys 40-60 aircraft and nearly 7,000 people. The 10 AEF buckets are on a 15-month rotation with a pair of AEFs on call for possible deployment for a three-month window. Once that window is complete, the applicable two AEFs will not be on call until the following 15-month cycle – a 12-month time span.

If you are assigned to one of the 10 AEF buckets, you are subject to deployment during your bucket's three-month window. This does not mean you will deploy, but it does mean that you are available to deploy if needed. If you are actually tasked to deploy, you should receive notification between 100 and 120 days prior to your deployment.

The Enabler group consists of low-density/high-demand assets that cannot be placed in one of the AEF buckets due to either their limited availability or unique nature. The Enabler group is on standby 365 days a year for possible deployment. Stealth airframes fall in the Enabler group.

So what's the difference between EAF and AEF? EAF is the Air Force's deployable organizational structure, and AEF is one of the force components within that organizational structure that supports the Air Force's mobility mission. For more information, just go to <https://aefcenter.acc.af.mil/>.

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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47 FTW motto

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over the southern ridge where they happened on a 75-foot patch of bare rock. The other men ran past Dodge and up the gulch where they were all consumed by fire. That fire passed over and around Dodge, as he lay in the center of his own fire-circle, leaving him unscathed. The two men who found the large rock also survived.

In analyzing the disaster afterward, several theories emerged to explain why Dodge's men failed to follow him at the critical moment that could have saved their lives. Part of the explanation lay with the character of the man, Wagner Dodge. His leadership style assumed that because he had been put in charge, he was the boss, and that was that. He didn't know how to invest his men with confidence in his direction. He fostered little two-way communication and was a boss of few words who neither expected much information from his people, nor gave much in return. He relied on his own eyes, never soliciting from his men their appraisal of a situation.

The two men who survived reflected on the moment, "... what the [heck] is the boss doing, lighting another fire in front of us?" and "It was hard to tell what he was thinking." Investigators concluded that Dodge, by failing to reveal his thinking when it could have been shared during this and previous fire fights, denied his crew the opportunity to appreciate the quality of his mind. It was this that made the difference when his men had to decide whether he had enough credibility to be trusted with their lives.

Being a man of few words may be fine in some positions, but a disaster in a position of leadership. If you want trust and compliance when the need for them cannot be fully explained (as in the heat of battle) then you need to invest early in your relationship with subordinates, establishing two-way communication and allowing the quality of your leadership to show. Establish allies now so their support will be assured when it's crunch time. Good communication is important in maintaining a healthy organization capable of surviving adversity.

Faith vital to fulfillment

By Lt. Col. Yancey Walker III
47th Medical Support Squadron commander

What is faith? Merriam-Webster defines it as a (1): belief and trust in and loyalty to God, (2): belief in the traditional doctrines of a religion, b (1): firm belief in something for which there is no proof, (2): complete trust.

From my own experience, I have found when I listen to God, have faith He will see me through, and act on His conviction, He works it all out, His will is accomplished, my needs are met, and I am fulfilled.

As a testimony, I did not pick Laughlin Air Force Base as a choice on my assignment preference worksheet. I was a student in residence at Air War College when the squadron commander list was released. Prior to AWC, I had served as deputy group commander in one of the Air Force Medical Service's 10 largest groups – about 1,100 people and a \$42 million budget.

When the squadron commander list was released, I was selected to

come to Laughlin and command one of the smaller squadrons in the Air Force. I turned to God and asked the question, "Why?" I had been temporarily assigned to Laughlin in essentially the same position as a new major seven years earlier. He told me, "Go, I've got plans for and will take care of you."

So I had faith He knew what was best, and I obeyed. I have to say, in retrospect, this has been one of my most fulfilling assignments. God has blessed me with a wonderful Laughlin and Del Rio family, superb bosses and staff, success on key inspections, a promotion, opportunities to serve Him in the community, and current and follow-on assignments within reasonable driving distance to my wife and son in San Antonio.

My word of advice on lessons learned is, do not judge your circumstances or future by what you see. Seek God's will, listen to Him, obey His instructions, have faith, and watch Him meet your needs. Living and walking by faith – and not by sight – are the keys to fulfillment.

Actionline
298-5351

timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a



Col. Jack Egginton
47 FTW commander

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Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
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Housing	298-5904
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Military Equal Opportunity	298-5400
Equal Employment Opportunity	298-5879
FWA hotline	298-4170

Question: As I was walking through the base exchange parking lot, I noticed a van parked in the hot sun with a dog inside and the windows barely open. I went inside and called the security forces desk and gave the van's license plate number in the hope that the owner could be located and take the dog home. The NCO I spoke with said nothing could be done. I went to the public affairs office and obtained the Actionline phone number, then returned to the base exchange at least 10 minutes later. The van was still there, and it was then after 2 p.m. Why can't

security forces do anything for such pet abuse?

Answer: Thank you very much for your concern in this matter. There is no Texas law, Air Force regulation, or local law prohibiting leaving an animal in a vehicle under the circumstances described in this event. The Texas penal code states an animal must be treated in a "cruel manner" for a violation. When security forces was notified, the temperature was 87-90 degrees, the vehicle windows were partially open and the animal had been left unattended for 10-15 minutes.

Under these conditions, the patrolman did not consider it neglect, abuse or mistreatment of the animal. As with many duties security forces members are assigned, judgment and discretion were required.

Everyone should keep in mind that as the temperature rises, it will take less time for the temperature inside a car to get dangerously high. The practice of leaving animals in cars should be avoided. When security forces specialists determine abuse or neglect is involved, they will take appropriate actions.

Air Force to exceed recruiting goal

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE – The Air Force reached its first milestone in meeting this year's recruiting goal with the recent signing of its 34,600th enlistment contract.

With 22,027 new airmen sent to basic training since the beginning of the fiscal year, the Air Force has more than enough contracts with new recruits to enter basic training by Sept. 30 to meet its annual goal of 34,600.

"This is a great accomplishment for our country, the Air Force and our recruiters," said Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, Air Force Re-

cruiting Service commander. "We increased the number of our recruiters, utilized enlistment bonuses, and continued an aggressive advertising and marketing campaign, and basically worked very hard. However, we won't let up; we're definitely still hiring."

Reaching the milestone this early in the year surprised even those involved in running the recruiting process.

"What is exceptionally special about this announcement is that it occurred during the month of May, which happens to be the last of our toughest accession months,"

said Col. James Holaday, chief of the AFRS operations division. "We refer to our slowest time as 'FMAM,' which represents the first initial of the months of February through May. Although we consider last year also to be very successful, we didn't reach this milestone until July."

Even with nearly 35,000 sign-ups in hand, recruiters are still hard at work recruiting additional candidates in anticipation of possible cancellations and to begin filling more than 35,000 new jobs for next

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year's technical sergeant rate surged nearly six points beyond last year's record showing of 27.64 percent.

Laughlin exceeded the Air Force selection percentages for both technical and master selection selections, with 33.87 percent compared to the Air Force's 33.39 percent for technical sergeant and 43.24 percent compared to the Air Force's 38.98 percent for master sergeant.

Master sergeant selectees

Gregory Bartlett, 47th Operations Support Squadron
Eliseo Cabalu, 47th Medical Support Squadron
Jorge Caro, 47th Security Forces Squadron
Kevin Carr, 47th Support Group
Todd Draper, 47th Medical Support Squadron
Jeffrey Dumont, 47th Communications Squadron
Eudocio Garcia, 47th Comptroller Flight
Kathy Harting, 47th Services Division
Ricky Harting, 47th Services Division
Steven Lebarre, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron
Brian Lewallen, 47th Operations Support Squadron
Juanyta Ortiz, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Mark Riddle, 47th Medical Operations Squadron

Elizabeth Smith, Legal office
Sabina Wiener, 47th Mission Support Squadron
Jeffery Zettle, 47th Operations Support Squadron

Technical sergeant selectees

Richard Adamcik, 85th Flying Training Squadron
Dennis Bensel, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Thomas Boyd, 47th Medical Support Squadron
Jessie Cantu, 47th Security Forces Squadron
José Cavazos, 84th Flying Training Squadron
Ervin Curtis, 47th Operations Support Squadron
Mary Davis, 47th Mission Support Squadron
Anthony Dutton, 47th Communications Squadron
Phillip Dyer, 47th Medical Operations Squadron
Lavalle Jenkins, 47th Security Forces Squadron
Charles Jones, 47th Flying Training Wing
Tilman Lethco, 47th Operations Support Squadron
Eric Maye, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
William Meyers, 47th Operations Support Squadron
Michael Newell, 47th Mission Support Squadron
Jennifer Ruiz, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Michele Shirey, 47th Mission Support Squadron
Steven Sledge, 47th Communications Squadron
Daniel Thiel, 47th Contracting Squadron
Jimmy Varnadore, 84th Flying Training Squadron
Joseph Williams, 47th Security Forces Squadron
Marvin Wright, 47th Operations Support Squadron

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proud of the Air Force's numerous achievements and bright future.

"We must now respond to this century's new and emerging national security environment by fostering even more constructive relationships among the services to more fully integrate for joint and combined operations," he said.

Roche, a retired Navy captain, was a recipient of the Arleigh

Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy's most improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.

"[I look] forward to piloting the journey ahead for the Air Force," he said. "My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as its admired past. My pledge is that I will serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world: with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence."

"We welcome Secretary

Roche and his family to the Air Force team," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

The secretary has had a distinguished and successful military and civilian career. He brings a unique and valuable combination of military experience, executive management expertise and proven leadership that will be an asset to our Air Force and our nation. I look forward to serving with him."

(Courtesy of
Air Force Print News)

Newsline

Clinic waiting room moves

The Laughlin Clinic Pediatrics waiting room and appointment desk will move to the Family Practice Clinic beginning Monday.

The 47th Medical Group is requesting that parents only bring children with appointments to the clinic due to limited waiting room space.

For more information, call Capt. Melissa Hackmaster at 298-6362.

Nonresident class offered

The drive to recruit students for the Academic Year 2002 Air War College and Air Command and Staff College Nonresident Seminar Program is under way. Seminars are scheduled to start in early August 2001 and will run until June 2002.

The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is open to active-duty, Guard and Reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels, and lieutenant colonel-selectees (or their equivalents) of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and civilian employees (GS/GM-13 or above).

To sign up, bring a completed application to the Laughlin Education Office or call 298-5545 for more details.

Pet travel policy restricted

Summer is the busiest time of year for permanent change-of-station moves. If you have a pet and receive an assignment, you should check into possible traveling restrictions. Last summer, due to heat considerations, many airlines had a restricted policy concerning transportation of pets.

For more information on individual airline restrictions, call Brandy Doty at 298-5178.

Promotion ceremony set

An enlisted promotion ceremony will be held at Club Amistad at 3:30 p.m. June 29. All are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Master Sgt. James Donnett at 298-5068.

Base of Preference changes

Changes to the Base of Preference Program have benefited numerous airmen who have taken advantage of the expanded program since August. The new program now gives first-term and career airmen an opportunity to apply for a stateside to stateside assignment.

For more information on the Base of Preference Program, call Senior Master Sgt. Joey Walker at 298-5856.

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year. The Air Force also faces a tough challenge in recruiting health professionals, primarily nurses, dentists and pharmacists.

"This is an indicator of how hard our recruiters are working, but we still have a daunting challenge ahead of us," said General Deal. "But the success of meeting such a tough challenge is part of what makes recruiting so special."

Recruits cite the opportu-

nity to further their education as the top reason for joining the Air Force, according to a recent survey.

All new recruits are automatically enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force, the only accredited junior college among the armed services.

"When our great recruiters talk to young people today, they recognize that joining the Air Force equals enrolling in college – it's automatic on their enlistment, and new train-

ees earn between 15 and 72 college hours when they complete training, depending on their skill areas," General Deal said. "Added to that, they are gaining a skill, immediate responsibility and being part of the world's greatest aerospace team."

The Air Force is currently placing special emphasis on recruiting qualified high school graduates and college students interested in electronic and mechanical fields.

(Courtesy AETC News Service)



Photo by Airman 1st Class William Burch

Highway cops

Staff Sgt. Paul Bogumil (left), 47th Security Forces Squadron reports and analysis program manager, and Senior Master Sgt. Roth Rolland, security forces manager, clean up trash June 1 along two miles of Spur 317 outside Laughlin's west gate. Security forces members participated in the cleanup as part of the Texas Adopt-a-Highway Program.

Mission complete – SUPT Class 01-10 graduates today

Compiled from staff reports

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 01-10 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the spectrum of Air

Force aircraft and flying missions. Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo

aircraft training in the T-1; fighter training in the T-38; turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1. Advanced training takes about 26 weeks.

Graduates of Class 01-10 have been assigned to duty stations throughout the world.



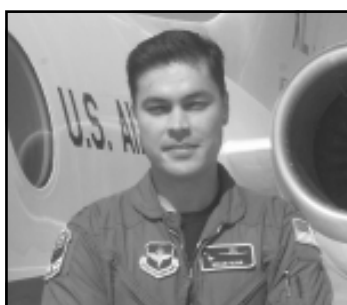
Capt. Adam Groves
Class leader
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



Capt. Eric Carney
Assistant class leader
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



Capt. David Bohnen
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



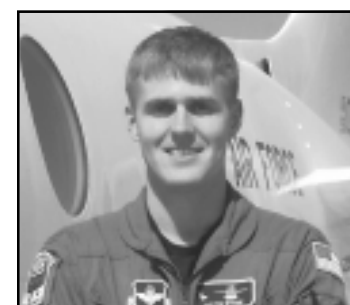
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KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



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T-1, Laughlin



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C-21, Scott AFB, Ind.



1st Lt. Damani Mitchell
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1st Lt. Ron M. Schoch
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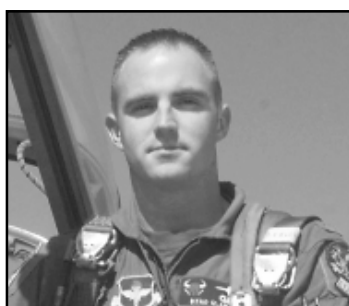
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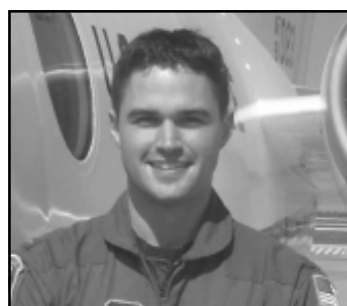
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KC-135, Scott AFB, Ill. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Brad Glanz
F-16, Toledo, Ohio (ANG)



2nd Lt. Crispin Kretzmann
F-15E, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Pape
C-130, Mansfield, Ohio (ANG)



1st Lt. Jason Strickler
C-130, Dyess AFB



2nd Lt. Dai Suzuki
T-2, Japan

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Saturday

-Mass, 5 p.m.

Sunday

-Mass, 9:30 a.m.

-Confession by appointment

-Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall

-CCD, 11 a.m., Religious Education Building

Thursday

-Choir, 6 p.m.

Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200

Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519

Protestant

Sunday

-General worship, 11 a.m.

-Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building

Monday

Student Wives' Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. Call 298-7365.

Wednesday

- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at Chapel

-Choir, 7 p.m. at Chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.

Organizations unite to give base HUGS

Compiled from staff reports

Helping Us Grow Stronger, formerly known as the Integrated Delivery Support System, is a subcommittee of the Community Action Information Board.

The role of HUGS is to overlap all existing prevention services through the consolidation of base committees with similar charters. Col. Jack B. Eggington, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, is the board chairman.

"HUGS is a working-together team of folks who analyze basewide issues and design activities to boost morale and increase resilience in our troops and families," explained Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Swanson, Laughlin wing chaplain.

"We need people to stay in the Air Force, and HUGS provides morale-boosting events and services that say, 'This is a great way of life.'"

People from the base chapel, family members programs flight, health and wellness center, family advocacy, life skills and the family support center make up the subcommittee. These professionals work together to provide coordinated preventive services to the base community.

In representing the installation com-

mander, HUGS coordinates suicide prevention services aimed at common risk factors identified by the Air Force suicide prevention team. The subcommittee acts as the central information point for programs that address issues relating to family life, community concerns, financial concerns, legal assistance, and physical, mental and spiritual health.

Chaplain Swanson said HUGS programs provide service to the Air Force's most valued team members.

"Those who go in harm's way to defend us and their loved ones who hug them goodbye each day deserve the best support we can give."

-Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeff Swanson
Laughlin wing chaplain

"Those who go in harm's way to defend us and their loved ones who hug them goodbye each day deserve the best support we can give," he said. "We train 40 percent of new Air Force pilots here, and they and their loved ones

are forming crucial first impressions about the Air Force family. If base activities don't meet their needs, maybe they will decide not to stay. With fewer human, money and material resources to go around, we all need to work together."

The primary method of dealing with issues affecting military families is to create awareness of those issues. HUGS does this through programs and activities such as Family Day, Parent University and family dinings-out.

Where are they now?

Name: 1st Lt. Seth Graham
Class/date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 00-08, April 28, 2000
Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: B1B, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
Mission of your current aircraft? Bomber
What do you like most about your current aircraft? Its low-level capabilities
What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? The lack of G's available
What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly? Del Rio can be a fun place to be stationed if you're around good people.
What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Friday nights at the club with some really fun people
What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Enjoy flying as much as you do now because it will probably be a lot less when you are operational.



(U.S. Air Force photo)

The *XLer*

Hometown: San Antonio
Family: Cat, Dragon, 9
Time at Laughlin: 10 months
Time in service: 15 years, 4 months
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Get more eating establishments
Greatest accomplishment: Touring in Europe and seeing the reunification of Germany in person
Hobbies: Building computers
Bad habit: Tearing apart computers
Favorite food: Fish sandwich
Favorite beverage: Courvoisier
If you could spend one hour with any person, whom would it be and why? Ronald Reagan. I think he did so much for this country, and I would like to thank him in person.

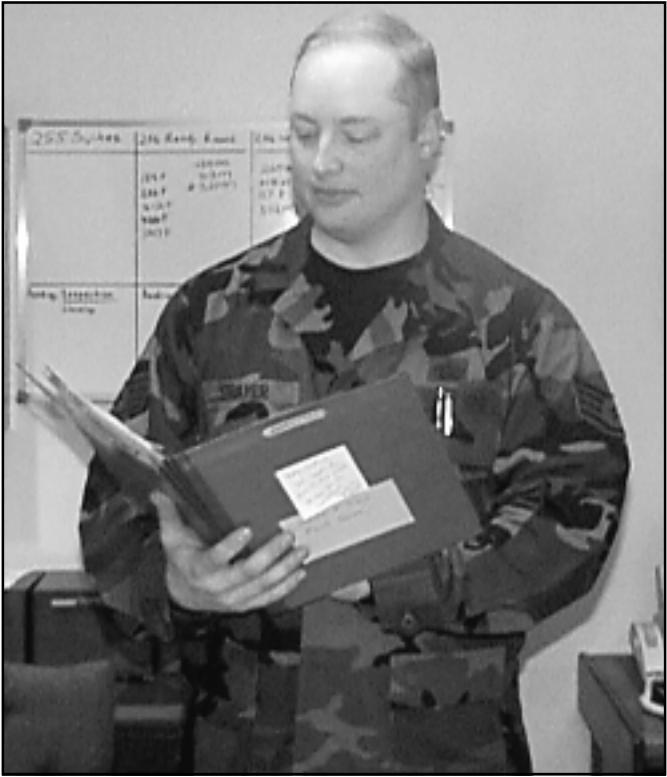


Photo by Airman 1st Class William Burch

Staff Sgt. Steve Strayer
*47th Civil Engineer Squadron
Base furniture manager*



Teed off

Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, tees off Saturday during Laughlin's 30th Annual Commander's Invitational Golf Tournament. Six former wing commanders were present to take

part in the tournament. Also present were Maj. Gen. Stephen Polk, 19th Air Force commander, and retired Maj. Gen. Gerald Prather. A total of 17 four-person teams played in the 36-hole scramble.

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